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SUBJECT: CSU DEPUTIES RUMINATE ABOUT STRAUSS-GOPPEL DISPUTE

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1. THREE THEMES WERE EVIDENT IN CORRIDOR TALK AMONG CSU
BAVARIAN LANDTAG DEPUTIES JANUARY 26:

A. CSU COULD NOT DUPLICATE ITS LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN
1974 BAVARIAN LANDTAG ELECTION (62 PERCENT). WITH A STRAUSS
TARNISHED BY AN INTER-PARTY DEFEAT;

B. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF HARMONY BETWEEN STRAUSS AND GOPPEL
IS ESSENTIAL TO STRONG SHOWING IN 1978 LANDTAG ELECTION;

C. DEPUTIES MUST LIVE WITH FACT THAT WHILE GOPPEL WILL
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BE AROUND UNTIL LATE 1978 AT LATEST, STRAUSS WILL BE AROUND
INDEFINITELY.

2. IN ADDITION, NO RPT NO ONE WAS READY TO CONCLUDE
THAT GOPPEL'S STATEMENT OF JANUARY 25 (REFTEL) WAS
IRREVOCABLE.

3. INITIAL SPECULATION AMONG CSU DEPUTIES REGARDING STRATEGY STRAUSS MIGHT PURSUE IN INDUCING GOPPEL TO STEP ASIDE INCLUDED NOTION THAT STRAUSS WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENLIST CSU'S TEN DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (BEZIRKS-VERBAENDE) IN CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE GOPPEL TO CHANGE MIND.

4. COMMENT. TO GREAT EXTENT, SUCCESS OF CSU CANDIDATES FOR LANDTAG DEPENDS ON WHERE THE TEN DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS PUT THEM ON THE RANK-ORDERED BALLOT. IF STRAUSS WERE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS, THIS COULD INDUCE CSU LANDTAG DEPUTIES, ACTING TO SAFEGUARD THEIR CHANCES FOR RENOMINATION, TO BRING PRESSURE ON GOPPEL TO RESIGN. INTERESTINGLY, CSU'S AUGSBURG DISTRICT, WHICH OPPOSED STRAUSS ON KREUTH, PUBLICLY CALLED ON STRAUSS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO COME TO BAVARIA TO BECOME MINISTER-PRESIDENT.BETTS

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